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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2003 (Paper No. 3),  
please amend the above-identified United States patent application as follows: